



Central Region Area 5 Venturing Monthly Newsletter

Welcome to the April edition of our monthly Area 5 Venturing newsletter. Each edition will feature information that you may find useful for your council's Venturing program. We will highlight items that support the development of your Teen Leadership Councils, Roundtables, chairmanships, commissioners, professional staff, and council-wide activities. We look forward to being of service to you in Venturing.

Amanda Vogt

Area 5 Venturing President

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Area 5 Venturing Advisor

The Councils of Central Region Area 5 Venturing

Central Region Area 5 consists of 15 Councils throughout 4 states. They are: Okaw Valley Council, Trails West Council, Mississippi Valley Council, Great Rivers Council, Ozark Trails Council, Pony Express Council, Jayhawk Area Council, Coronado Area Council, Santa Fe Trail Council, Cornhusker Council, Overland Trails Council, Greater St. Louis Area Council, Heart of America Council, Quivira Council, and Mid America Council. Council's addresses and websites are listed on page 4.



Still in Search for an Area 5 President

Do you know of an outstanding youth that is ready to step-up to a new level of leadership? Please let them know about the opportunity to become the next Area 5 President. The deadline for Area 5 President has been pushed back to May 1st. If you know of someone who is qualified please have him or her send in an application. Keep in mind a council can send in as many applications for Area 5 President as they wish. Please take the time to encourage a Venturer to reach out to a new level of leadership.

The application and qualifications are available on the Central Region Website. For your convenience, I have created a link to this site.

[Area 5 President Application](#)

Contact us at:

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Upcoming Area 5 Venturing Events for 2007

June 17-23, July 8-14 and July 15-21:

Greater St. Louis Area Council- **Swift Base Venturing Camps**

For more information: <http://www.stlbsa.org/Camping/Summer+Camps/Venturing/>

July 1st-7th:

Great Rivers Council- **Week Long Venturing Camp**

Contact: David Harris dharris@bsaemail.org

July 15th-21st

Greater St. Louis Area Council- **Kodiak**

Contact: Rick McIlvoy rmcivoy@sbcglobal.net

September 14th-16th

Greater St. Louis Area Council- **Fall Fun Rally**

Contact: Ben Brennecke bbrennecke@stlbsa.org

Please send us your council's Venturing events & Venturing Adult Leader Trainings.
We will list them on the Area 5 Venturing Calendar.

This Month's Q & A

This month's question and answer section answers questions commonly asked about Sea Scouting. I would like to thank Dave George, the National Boatswain for answering these questions on the National Youth Cabinet Website. For more answers to commonly asked Sea Scouting Questions please read his [article](#).

What is Sea Scouting?

Sea Scouting started in England in 1911 and was brought to the United States in 1912. For decades, it existed as its own program in the BSA and then became part of the Exploring program in 1949. Since 1998, Sea Scouts has been part of the Venturing program, under the guidance of the Boy Scouts of America.

Do I have to know how to sail to join Sea Scouting?

No. Dave joined Sea Scouts because he wanted to attend the U.S. Naval Academy. He cared nothing about sailing. His mind was sure changed, though, and he learned how to sail with his ship. In fact, Bill Koch, winner of the 1992 America's Cup, attributes his learning how to sail to reading the Sea Scout manual as a youth.

Venturer You Should Know

This month, we are asking you to please send in a short bio on an adult or youth Venturer in your council. I would like to feature someone from your council next month. To do so, I need your help. Please send me a bio for someone in your council by April 25th.

Congratulations

Thanks to every one of you Area 5 has one of the largest representations on the Central Region Yahoo Group. If you are not a part of this group, please join. This group is an excellent way to promote events in your council, to ask any questions you have about Venturing, and to get resources to help Venturing within your council or unit to flourish. Please click on the link below to register if you have not yet done so.

[Central Region Yahoo Group](#)

[National Venturing Yahoo Group](#)

Correction From Consulting Tip of Last Month

Last month's consulting tips featured the links to many helpful Venturing Website with useful links and information. I listed the Northeast Regions website as:

<http://www.venturenortheast.com/vccfeed.php>

The Northeast website for information about events is www.nerventuring.net

I apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Venturing Awards and Recognition Program

Encourage your Venture Crew members to work towards the completion of one of the Venturing awards. The process of working towards the awards can help keep youth interested in Venturing. This month we will focus on the Trust Award.

Trust Award

Trust is an essential aspect of our relationship with others - both personally and corporately. Learning to trust is the challenge. Today young people live in an increasingly pluralistic society made up of multiple nationalities, cultures, and religions. One way to work toward a safe future is to learn to get along and work together. Understand is a good start toward trust.

While working on the Trust award, Venturers will learn more about themselves, their communities, their religion and culture, as well as those of others. As with many other requirements throughout the Venturing Program, Venturers will be required to share what they learn with others.

Trust Award Continued

Five Areas of Requirements (each has required sections and electives):

1. Tending your Faith- Learn about your own religious journey, and earn the religious emblem for your faith group.
2. Respecting the Beliefs of Others- Learn about freedom of religion in the US and learn about religions other than your own in your community.
3. Understanding other Cultures- Learn about the historical significance of cultures in the US and study one cultural group in detail.
4. Serving your Community- Complete a community service project and learn about organizations in your community that serve youth.
5. Transforming our Society- Learn counseling skills, conflict resolution, peace and reconciliation, and how to apply them in your own life.



Area 5 Sea Scout Committee Chair

The Area 5 Venturing Committee is in the process of looking for a Sea Scout Advisor willing to serve as the chair for the Area 5 Sea Scout Committee. This committee will be a part of the Area 5 TLC starting in June. If you know of any Sea Scout adult whom you feel is qualified for the job, please contact me with their contact information. We are looking to try to expand Sea Scouting in Area 5 this coming year, and we need your help.

Senior Scouting History

Courtesy of the Western Region

- 1912-** Sea Scouting, the first specific older boy program began.
- 1933-** Explorer Scouts was approved by BSA. BSA had been experimenting with a "land-based" version of Sea Scouts since the early 1920's.
- 1935-** BSA established its Senior Scouting section, for young men 15 through 17.
- 1941-** Air Scouts were established. The top award was Ace.
- 1944-** Explorer Scout Posts were established as separate units from Boy Scout Troops. The top award was Ranger and the new uniform was Forest Green.
- 1949-** All the Senior Scout Programs changes their names to include Explorers: Sea Explorers, Air Explorers and Explorers. The new top award for Air Explorers and Explorers was changed to the Silver Award. Sea Explorers kept Quartermaster as their top award. The age for all Explorers was dropped to 14.
- 1959-** The Silver Award was dropped from Explorers but remained in Air Explorers. All programs changed from Explorers to Exploring.
- 1965-** Air Exploring was discontinued.

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Senior Scouting History Cont.

- 1969-** Young women were permitted to become non-registered associate Exploring Post members.
- 1971-** Young women became eligible for full membership in Exploring and age was increased from 17 to 20.
- 1982-** Career Awareness Exploring began. The new top award for the Exploring program was the Explorer Achievement Award.
- 1995-** The Explorer Achievement Award change names to the Exploring Growth Opportunity in Leadership Development (G.O.L.D.) Award. The requirements for these old awards are very similar to the Venturing Gold Award requirements.
- 1998-** The new Venturing program was introduced. Venturing brought back the names of previous top awards: the Silver Award and the Ranger Award. Career Awareness Exploring was moved to a subsidiary of the BSA called Learning for Life.

Scholarship Opportunities through Lindenwood University

Lindenwood University is located in St. Charles, MO, and is part of the Greater St. Louis Area Council located in Area 5 of the Central Region. Lindenwood University is known for supporting Scouting and Venturing.

Lindenwood University offers what is known as the Million-Dollar Scholarship Program. For any Girl Scout with the Gold Award, or Boy Scout with the Eagle Scout Award, Lindenwood will guarantee a \$6,000/year scholarship for that scout to attend Lindenwood. Also every year Lindenwood offers a four-year full ride scholarship to one Girl Scout and one Boy Scout for the "Scout of the Year Award". If you are looking at Lindenwood University be sure to ask about this program.

The 15 Councils of Central Region Area 5 Venturing

Illinois Councils:

Okaw Valley Council

335 West Main Street
Belleville, IL 62220

<http://www.okawbsa.org>

Trails West Council

1055 Harrison St.
Wood River, IL 62095

<http://www.twc-bsa.org>

Mississippi Valley Council

2336 Oak St.
Quincy, IL 62301

<http://www.mississippivalleybsa.org>

Missouri Councils:

Great Rivers Council

1203 Fay St.
Columbia, MO 65201

<http://www.bsa-grc.org>

Pony Express Council

1704 Buckingham
St. Joseph, MO 64508

<http://www.ponyexpressbsa.org>

Ozark Trails Council

1616 S. Eastgate
Springfield, MO 65809

<http://www.ozarktrailsbsa.org>

Greater St. Louis Council

4568 West Pine Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63018

<http://www.stlbsa.org>

Heart of America Council

10210 Holmes Rd.
Kansas City, MO 64131

<http://www.hoac-bsa.org>

Kansas Councils:

Jayhawk Area Council

1020 Monroe
Topeka, KS 66612

<http://www.jayhawkcouncil.org>

Coronado Area Council

644 S. Ohio St.
Salina, KS 67402

<http://www.coronadoscout.org/>

Santa Fe Trail Council

1513 E. Fulton Terrace
Garden City, KS 67846

<http://www.sftcbsa.org>

Quivira Council

1555 S. 2nd Street
Wichita, KS 67214

<http://www.quivira.org>

Nebraska Councils:

Overland Trails Council

2808 O Flannagan
Grand Island, NE 68803

<http://www.overlandtrailsCouncil.org>

Cornhusker Council

600 South 120th Street
Walton, NE 68520

<http://www.cornhuskercouncil.org>

Mid America Council

12401 West Maple Road
Omaha, NE 68164

<http://www.mac-bsa.org>